

## **Business Teachers Tour Raytheon Missile Systems- A High Performing Business**

**“This day was worth the price of the CTE Summer Conference.”**

This is a quote from one of the participants in the tour of Raytheon Missile Systems conducted July 21, 2005. Raytheon is southern Arizona's largest private employer and is located in Tucson.



**Tour Participants: Sonia Bribiescas, Arthur Robert Buckley, Bennie Carlos, Fawn Eaton, Marie Etsitty, Virginia Henley, Serena Jimmy, Kathy Prather, James Richardson, Joni Sherman, Neala Sillman, Elaine Sombrero, Gail Toal, Katheleen Webster, Lorriane Yazzie and Marie Upsahw.**

**Cynthia Sabelhause-Six Sigma Expert with Raytheon Missile systems arranged for the full day's program including the following topics:**

- **Employee development**
- **Staffing**
- **War Games Lab**
- **Six Sigma**
- **Strategic Planning and**
- **A factory tour**

**When asked to explain the purpose of the tour, Dr. Janet Gandy, State Supervisor of Business Education with the Department of Education stated, “the purpose of the tour was to give business teachers an opportunity to meet business leaders and gain an understanding of business processes practiced by a quality driven organization. Raytheon Missile Systems is the recipient of the Arizona Quality Award.**

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**Teresa Noon, Professional Development Coordinator, University of Arizona and Dr. Gandy conduct debriefing in the Raytheon cafeteria following the tour.**

**Participants described what they learned and how they will use information presented today?**

- **Help students understand the importance of soft skills**
- **Write for a grant for a summer program to tour businesses like Raytheon**
- **Improvement of learning organizations**
- **Relay the importance of math and science to my students**
- **“Real World” information, not only my word**
- **Let students know the importance of academic success in school including CTE**
- **Team building and the scientific method of problem solving**

***What's Up For Next Summer?  
Watch for the 2006 Summer Conference Business Program!***